### Delivery Mode: 4-H Camping

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| 4-H Camping   | Because 4-H camping is education-based, it is recognized as a delivery mode with Alabama 4-H. As defined by the American Camping Association (and as accepted by Alabama 4-H) “organized camping is a sustained experience that provides a creative, recreational, and educational opportunities in group living in the out-of-doors. It utilizes trained leadership and the resources of natural surroundings to contribute to each camper’s mental, physical, social, and spiritual growth”. A 4-H camper is any youth who is registered for a 4-H sponsored residential or day camping event through the local Extension office and meets the 4-H age and eligibility requirements. | - To provide educational, recreational, and social experiences in an outdoor setting away from home.  
- To provide opportunities to meet and interact with other people by living and participating together.  
- To provide opportunities for youth to learn to take responsibility for their own decisions and actions.  
- To provide new experiences for youth by exploring new interests, or by exposing them to new approaches to old interests, such as nature, aquatics, and other life skills that can’t be provided as effectively out side of a camp setting.  
- To teach youth about citizenship, the importance of being a responsible citizen, and to provide opportunities to practice citizenship.  
- To provide opportunities for developing leadership skills.  
- To allow youth to discover special talents and to provide opportunities to develop these talents.  
- To provide the opportunity for youth to have fun and to learn to create positive, enjoyable experiences individually and with others.  
- To learn to meet individual and group responsibilities.  
- To enrich the on-going 4-H club program and to encourage long-term involvement in 4-H clubs. | 9-13:  
4-H Summer Camp  
9-18:  
County and Special Interest Camps | 3 Day  
4-H Summer Camp  
Day, Week, Weekend  
County and Special Interest Camps | No | Individual Enrollment |

#### Camping Volunteer & Staff Resources:
- Alabama 4-H Center Summer Camp
- Alabama 4-H Science School
- American Camping Association

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